

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES—MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE STRUCTURE AND MODERNIZATION PLANS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on Navy submarine force structure and modernization plans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiana, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Rear Adm. Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87); and Rear Adm. John P. Davis, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition), Deputy Commander for Submarines; and Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS REENGINEERING INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on Defense Logistics Reengineering Initiatives. Testimony was heard from David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary (Acquisition Technology and Logistics); Paul J. Hoeper, Assistant Secretary, Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Department of the Army; Ariane L. Whittemore, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Department of the Navy; and Ronald L. Orr, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), Department of the Air Force.

FIRST ACCOUNTS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4490, First Accounts Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE'S MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare's Management: Is HCFA's Complexity Threatening Patient Access to Quality Care? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and public witnesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MERGER REVIEW ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4019, Telecommunications Merger Review Act of 2000.

EXAMINING—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Examining the National Environmental Education Act. Testimony was heard from John Kasper, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Communications, Education, and Media Relations, EPA; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION UNDER GPRA

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Employment Standards Administration Under GPRA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary; T. Michael Kerr, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division; Shirley Wilcher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance; John Koch, Director, Office of Labor Management Standards; and Shelby Hallmark, Acting Director, Office of Federal Workers Compensation.

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on Implementation of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act. Testimony was

heard from Representative Lantos; Michael J. Kurtz, Assistant Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Kenneth Levitt, Special Counsel, Office of the Executive Director, CIA; John Collingwood, Assistant Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, FBI, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Harold Kwalwasser, Deputy General Counsel; and Col. Lewis Thompson, USA, Commander, 902nd Military Intelligence Group, Intelligence and Security Command, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF OVERSEAS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Committee Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a briefing on Vulnerability Assessments of Overseas Military Installations. The Subcommittee was briefed by Brig. Gen. John Sattler, USMC, Deputy Director, Operations (Combating Terrorism), J-34, Department of Defense.

OPEC'S POLICIES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on OPEC's Policies: A Threat to the U.S. Economy. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; and former Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum of Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 322, amended, expressing the sense of Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; and S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire.

MILITARY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT; VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; and H.R. 1248, Violence Against Women Act.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands approved for full Committee

action the following bills: H.R. 3632, amended, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act of 2000; H.R. 3745, amended, Effigy Mounds National Monument Additions Act; and H.R. 4583, to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3190, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles; and H.R. 4521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to authorize and provide funding for rehabilitation of the Going-to-the Sun Road in Glacier National Park, to authorize funds for maintenance of utilities related to the Park. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hill of Montana, Peterson of Pennsylvania and Calvert; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and Donald Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE RX 2000 ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 7 to 1, a closed rule on H.R. 4680, Medicare RX 2000 Act, providing two hours of debate equally divided between the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill until a time designated by the Speaker. The rule provides that, at any time on or before the legislative day of Friday, June 30, 2000, it shall be in order for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules with respect to H.R. 3240 and H. Res. 535.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2001

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 7 to 1, an open rule on H.R. 4461, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 513 is laid on the table.

CHILD SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4678, Child Support Distribution Act of 2000.

SOCIAL SECURITY GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Government Pension Offset. Testimony was heard from Representative Jefferson; Jane L. Ross, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, SSA; Paul R. Cullinan, Budget Analysis Division, Unit Chief for the Human Resources Cost Estimate Unit, CBO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—NASA

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1654, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine airline customer service, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to mark up S. 2437, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States; and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation relating to the marriage tax penalty, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the liberation of Iraq, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the treatment of U.S. business in Central and Eastern Europe, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on the struggle for justice for former U.S. World War II POW's, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on countering the changing threat of international terrorism, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on the following: H.R. 4502 Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000; and EPA's proposed Total Maximum Daily Load rules on agriculture and silviculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the National Missile Defense Program, 10 a.m., and to mark up the following measures: a resolution expressing the Sense of the House on the security situation involving the missing computer hard drives at Los Alamos National Laboratory; H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 4446, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; and H.R. 4737, Nuclear Secrets Safety Act, 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 4419, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, hearing on Summer Energy Concerns for the American Consumer, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Rising Fuel Prices and the Appropriate Federal Response, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.